GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MARGINAL AND MEDIUM FARMERS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any efforts to improve the condition of marginal and medium farmers;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether the condition of the marginal farmers has not improved in spite of Government's efforts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. A number of centrtal sector and centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented by the Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation to improve the production and productivity of crops and thereby improve the condition of all categories of farmers, including marginal and medium. A list of major schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in this regard is annexed.

(c): There is no evidence on record to indicate that the condition of farmers has not improved, though cases of distress are occasionally reported from some regions.

Annexure

List of Major Schemes implemented by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation

Sl.No. Name of the Schemes

1.Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice).

2. Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Wheat Based Cropping, System Area (ICDP-Wheat)

3. Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals).

4. Technology Mission on Cotton (formelly Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP-Cotton).

5. Special Jute Development Programme.
6. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System.

7 Oilseed Production Programme.

8. National Pulses Development Project.

9. Oil Palm Development Programme.
10. Accelerated Maize Development Programme.
11. Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.
12. Development of Cashews including Cocoa.
13. Use of Plastic in Agriculture.
14. Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers.
15. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among small farmers.
16. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)
17. Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone Areas.
18. Reclamation and Development of Alkali (Usuar) Soils.